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was necessary was a cutting of the river for a length of only one mile and 4 furlongs and that the total cost would not exceed Rs. 5,000, the reply given was that the Dewan would visit the spot and the Member should meet the Dewan and explain matters. He prayed that the loss and trouble, which the inhabitants were put to on account of the silting of the canal, might be put an end to very soon.

Dewan's reply.—This will lie over for the personal inspection which I have promised to make. I hope soon to visit the Mavelikara, Chengannur and Tiruvalla taluks.

110. Removal of the granite rock in the Kollakadavu river.

Mr. Jacob Kuryan, for Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) stated that the granite rock in the Kollakadavu was a great nuisance to the public. He prayed that Government might be pleased to issue orders to destroy and remove the rock.

Dewan's reply.—The matter is under investigation by the Chief Engineer.

CHENGANNUR TALUK.

111. Opening of a hospital in the Chengannur taluk.

Mr. Devan Krishnan (Member, Chengannur Taluk) urged the necessity of a hospital in the Chengannur taluk

Dewan's reply.—A dispensary will be opened at Chengannur.

112. Opening of a school at Pathanamthitta.

Mr. Aiyappan Aiyappan (Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that there was no English School in the Chengannur taluk. He prayed therefore that an English School might be opened at Pathanamthitta.

Dewan's reply.—I have asked the Director to make enquiries. If there be a sufficient number of pupils, we shall gladly open a school at Pathanamthitta.

TIRUVALLA TALUK.

113. Improvement of the roads of the taluk.

Mr. V. S. Krishna Pillai (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) stated that most of the roads of the taluk were not well kept. Some were taken notice of by Government. But the work has not yet begun in the

(*a*) Peringara-Mepral road.

(*b*) Kalluppara-Mallappally road.

(*c*) Chenganur-Mannar road. The Member prayed that the works might be carried out.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

AMBALAPUZHA TALUK.

114. Protection of the crops against breaches in the bund called the Thottapally Chira.

Mr. Krishnan Narayanan (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) stated that much damage was caused to the crops

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by the influx of brackish water. To prevent such damages to the crops, the Member suggested that the breaches in the bund extending from the Thottapally lock to Kunnalipalom on the east, and to the western extremity on the other side, should be arranged to be closed properly in time. He also pointed out that sowing in the *punja* fields began by the end of the month of Vrischikam. So, from the 15th Vrischikam, the Thottapally lock must be opened. Before that time, all the breaches must be shut, to prevent the influx of brackish water.

Dewan's reply.—The proposals of the Member will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

115. Improvement of the canals etc.

Mr. P. J. John (Member, Alleppey T. I. C.) requested that the following works might be carried out:—

(1) The extension of the Wada canal roads on either side up to the entrance to the Cochin canal.

(2) Connecting the southern side road to the main canal road of Chengannoor.

(3) The opening of the small canal leading to the Vattakayal from the Pallathurithi river.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV. PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.

TOVALA TALUK.

116. Reservation of land for fuel, manure leaves, and agricultural implements, etc.

Messrs. M. Sivathanoo Pillai and T. Madhavan Pillai (Members, Tovala Taluk) represented that all lands within a radius of one mile from inhabited and registered areas should be excluded from the Reserved Forests bordering on the Tovala taluk, for the free supply of fuel, manure leaves, agricultural implements, etc., or that free passes should be issued empowering the ryots to take the above articles from the Reserved Forests.

Dewan's reply.—The allegations of the ryots of the Tovala taluk, in regard to the difficulty of procuring agricultural implements and manure leaves, will be enquired into. A joint report from the Conservator of Forests and the Peishkar of the Division will be called for.

117. Opening of a hospital at Alagiapandiapuram

Mr. T. Madhavan Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) said that Tovala was a mountainous taluk and as such people were suffering from many kinds of disease. Therefore the necessity of a hospital in the taluk was keenly felt by the people. In connection with the Tovala Channel Works, there was a temporary hospital established at Thatikaramkonom. People were much benefited by it. Now that has been shifted to Sitapal. Therefore the Member requested

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